GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NEW COAL POLICY
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a new Coal Policyto check the diversion of commodity to the blackmarket to protect the interests of bonafide users;

(b) whether the new policy will ensure adequate availability of coal to non-core sector consumers like brick kilns and small scale units;

(c) whether the Government have undertaken a study-survey of the coal requirements and actual offtake by consumers in non-core sectors; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) &(b): Coal India Limited decided in June,2001 to authorise its coal companies to evolve their system and procedure of coal sales policy. As per the decision, the new policy would aim at being simpler and customer friendly. Coal companies are working out details of the new sales policies. In the meanwhile, coal companies have also addressed State Government/sponsoring authorities to verify the status of the existing linked consumers of the non-core sector, so that non-existing or non-operating units are weeded out. The new policies would also aim at better meeting the bonafide requirements of genuine consumer of non-core sector, including small scale industries and brick kilns to the extent possible.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.